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Title:	ENDOASCULAR GRAFT AND PROCESS FOR BRIDGING A DEFECT IN A MAIN VESSEL NEAR ONE OR MORE BRANCH VESSELS		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed, June 29, 2000, for which a two month extension of time for response is herewith requested. The following amendments and remarks place the claims in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

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Amendments

Please add new claims 39-49 as indicated below.

Please cancel claims 1, 6, 14, 23, 25-28, and 34-36 without prejudice and amend claims 7 and 37-38 as follows:

1. ~~(Canceled).~~ A stent-graft for bridging an aneurysm in an aorta, the aneurysm being at least partially disposed between two renal arteries and two iliac arteries, comprising:

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